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Dear sir,

In respect of certain edits, I have the following comments to offer:--

Edit # 2439, p. 210: Please use the expression "religion of Ancient India which later came to be known as 'Sanatana Dharma' or 'Hinduism' "

Explanation: Most of the religious elements of Hinduism, such as 'worship of Siva, Linga-cum-yoni, fire-altars,' were already there in the Harappan Civilization.

Edit # 2444: It is absolutely necessary to include the name of the 'Sarasvati' River in this context.

Explanation: Archaeological evidence has fully established that the valley of the Sarasvati (**not** of the Indus) was the **epicenter** of the Harappan Civilization Further, combined evidence of archaeology, hydrology and geology has shown that, because of tectonic upheaval in the Himalayas, the Sarasvati dried up around 2000 BCE and the now-dry bed which goes by the various names, Sarasvati-Ghaggar-Hakra-Nara, in India and Pakistan represents the ancient Sarasvati. For a detailed explanation please see my book *The Rigvedic People*, New Delhi, 2015.

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